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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In the application of:

Ta-Shuong YEH, *et al.*

Serial No.: 09/847,017

Filing Date: May 1, 2001

For: A PROCESS FOR THE PREPARATION
OF DIRECT TABLETTING
FORMULATION AND AIDS

Examiner: Todd Ware

Group Art Unit: 1615

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

This is in response to an Office action herein mailed October 1, 2002, setting a time for a response to expire on January 1, 2003. As January 1, 2003 was a national holiday, this submission is timely filed on January 2, 2003. Claims 1-33 were rejected in the Office action. Careful consideration has been given to the grounds for rejection and the following amendments and remarks are offered in response. Reconsideration is respectfully requested. Enclosed is an exhibit entitled "Marked Version of Amendments to the Claims" (Exhibit A), and a copy of an article entitled "Current issues and trouble shooting fluid bed granulation," reprinted from *Pharmaceutical Technology* May 1998 from the http address www.niroinc.com/html/pharma/phpdfs/micropoint2.pdf (Exhibit B).

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